

Confirmation 2020 at Pymble Catholic Parish

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN ON-LINE

Children in **Year 2 and above** (aged 7 years and above) who are already baptised are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish. However, as a parent, you know your child best and may wish to wait a bit longer if you feel they are not yet ready to partake in this program.

At Baptism your child began a life-long journey and a way of life. At Confirmation, the graces received in Baptism are sealed with the reception of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. This sacrament enables your child to better participate in the worshipping and apostolic life of the Church. The words that Jesus shared with his disciples at Pentecost apply to each one of us at Confirmation, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come down upon you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

Part of the booking registration process for Confirmation will be to <u>Register on-line</u> at https://www.trybooking.com/BFTCL.

When registering on-line you will need the following:

- Your child's baptismal certificate.
- A Saint's name for your child: Each child needs to read about and select a Catholic saint to be their 'Saintly Friend' for Confirmation. This is a lovely opportunity for you and your child to learn about the Catholic saints.
- A Catholic sponsor for your child: The sponsor must be a Catholic over the age of 16 who has received all of their Sacraments. The sponsor may be a godparent, a relative, or a friend; however someone you trust who will offer on-going spiritual guidance to your child.

Confirm enrolment for your child by attending the <u>Parent Information Evening</u> on Wednesday the **29th April at 7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church,** 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble. Enrolment can only be confirmed with parental attendance at this session.

The family plays a central role in the faith formation of children. Our program operates by preparing children in small, home-based groups, with others from the community. Parent volunteers act as facilitators for the group, however the expectation is that all parents partake in this process.

Following the four-week preparation period, Confirmation will be celebrated during two masses on **Saturday the 30th May at 230pm** and **530pm at Sacred Heart Church Pymble**. Choose the session that works best for you and your family. Please note: there will be a practice for Confirmation on Thursday the 28th May at 430pm OR 6pm.

If your child has additional needs, please contact the office so we can work with your family to find the best way to support you and your child during preparation for the sacraments.